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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 437,900 IN NOVEMBER

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island rose for the fourth consecutive month to a new record high level of 437,900 in November. This monthly increase was due to continued gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island's current employment total represents an increase of 1,400 jobs from the October level and is 4,200 more than the November 1985 figure of 433,700.

MANUFACTURING

Total manufacturing employment in Rhode Island declined by 400 in November to a level of 121,500, which was also 800 below the year ago figure of 122,300. In the Durable Goods category, the November employment total of 83,400 fell 300 from the previous month and was 400 less than the year earlier figure. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries decreased 100 in the October-November period to a level of 38,100, and was down 400 compared to the November 1985 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains were recorded in Primary Metals and Fabricated Metals (+100 each). In contrast, factory decreases were posted in Jewelry-Silverware (-200) and Lumber/Furniture, Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-100 each). The remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from last month.

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SEASONS GREETINGS
AND A WORD OF THANKS
TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

John S. Renza, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and worker earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of Employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs. To all, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
Total Placements	1,168	1,196	1,610
New Applications	2,135	2,781	2,925
New Openings Rec'd.	1,640	2,468	2,359

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	% Change Oct. 1986
Initial Claims	6,352	5,692	+ 11.6
No. of Payments	31,169	34,511	- 9.7
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,008.782	$ 4,355,442	- 8.0
Exhaustions	728	843	- 13.6

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
Initial Claims	2,792	4,066	3,062
No. of Payments	22,729	27,036	23,090
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,384,628	$ 3,926,497	$ 2,942,453

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov 1986	Oct 1986	Nov. 1985
Civilian	513.4	512.0	504.0
Unemployment	19.3	17.1	19.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	3.3	3.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.4	4.0	4.6

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	332.4	328.7	326.6
Unemployment	11.0	10.4	12.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	3.2	3.8

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	166.0	165.7	164.7
Unemployment	6.5	8.0	7.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.9	4.8	4.3

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	35,005	35,390	33,835
Unemployment	915	835	1,145
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.6	2.4	3.4

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 17-21, 1986

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	9,648	100.0
Men	4,886	50.6
Under 45	3,391	69.4
45 and over	1,495	30.6
Women	4,762	49.4
Under 45	3,021	63.4
45 and Over	1,741	36.6
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	833	8.6
Manufactruing	4,146	43.1
Public Utilities	462	4.8
Wholesale and Retail	1,988	20.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	293	3.0
Service	1,634	16.9
All Other	292	3.0
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,295	13.4
Clerical and Sales	2,296	23.7
Service	1,464	15.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	107	1.1
Processing	401	4.1
Machine Trades	817	8.5
Bench Work	1,156	12.0
Structural Work	1,294	13.4
Miscellaneous	816	8.5
INA	2	0.1

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	437.9	436.5	433.7	+ 1400	+ 4200
MANUFACTURING	121.5	121.9	122.3	- 400	- 800
NONMANUFACTURING	316.4	314.6	311.4	+ 1800	+ 5000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	16.4	16.6	15.5	- 200	+ 900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.4	14.3	13.9	+ 100	+ 500
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	97.2	95.5	95.4	+ 1700	+ 1800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.8	23.8	23.4	-	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	106.6	106.5	105.3	+ 100	+ 1300
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.0	57.9	57.9	+ 100	+ 100

1986 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1985 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1985
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.5	121.9	122.3	- 400	- 800	$325.21	$309.91	40.6	40.3	$ 8.01	$ 7.69
DURABLE GOODS	83.4	83.7	83.8	- 300	- 400	324.38	309.50	40.7	40.3	7.97	7.68
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	3.0	2.8	- 100	+100	376.12	360.00	40.4	40.0	9.31	9.00
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.8	-	- 100	416.66	388.55	41.5	40.9	10.04	9.50
PRIMARY METALS	6.1	6.0	6.2	+100	- 100	399.75	365.31	42.8	41.0	9.34	8.91
FABRICATED METALS	9.9	9.8	9.7	+100	+200	299.03	275.93	40.3	41.0	7.42	6.73
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.7*	5.7*	5.8*	-	- 100	440.92	432.00	44.9	45.0	9.82	9.60
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.2	12.2	12.2	-	-	297.44	287.82	39.5	39.0	7.53	7.38
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.8	9.6	- 100	+100	413.92	409.37	39.8	39.9	10.40	10.26
INSTRUMENTS	5.6*	5.6*	5.8*	-	- 200	337.19	324.86	42.9	43.2	7.86	7.52
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.3	23.5	24.0	- 200	- 700	260.71	255.43	40.8	41.0	6.39	6.23
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.3	6.4	5.9	- 100	+400	249.12	225.78	36.0	33.8	6.92	6.68
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.1	38.2	38.5	- 100	- 400	325.62	311.89	40.2	40.4	8.10	7.72
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.5	3.5	-	-	264.99	239.94	36.5	36.3	7.26	6.61
TEXTILES	10.7	10.8	10.8	- 100	- 100	300.53	284.31	41.0	40.5	7.33	7.02
APPAREL	3.3	3.3	3.3	-	-	285.69	271.17	42.2	41.4	6.77	6.55
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	2.7	-	+100	296.12	272.00	40.9	40.0	7.24	6.80
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.5	6.5	6.4	-	+100	427.12	429.60	38.0	40.0	11.24	10.74
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	3.1	-	- 300	428.49	422.99	40.5	42.9	10.58	9.86
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	0.7	0.7	-	-	330.89	312.83	40.6	39.8	8.15	7.86
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.4	5.4	5.6	-	- 200	332.47	316.36	41.3	40.3	8.05	7.85
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	-	-	230.75	232.67	40.2	41.4	5.74	5.62

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On an annual basis, the most substantial employment increase (+400) occurred in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing industry, followed by advances in Fabricated Metals (+200), Lumber/Furniture (+100) and Transportation Equipment (+100). For the twelve month period, a notable payroll reduction of 700 was reported in Jewelry-Silverware. Also down from their year ago job levels were Instruments (-200) and Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals and Nonelectrical Machinery (-100 each). Employment in Electrical Machinery equalled its year earlier total.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Textile payrolls fell 100 from the prior month, while the remaining industries showed no change during this period. Compared to a year ago, employment gains were reported in Paper Products and Printing-Publishing (+100 each). Conversely, annual job declines were evident in Chemical Products (-300), Plastics Products (-200) and Textiles (-100). Employment in the four remaining Nondurable segments was unchanged from a year ago.

NONMANFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments rose 1,800 from October to November, largely the result of pre-holiday hiring in the Wholesale and Retail Trade sector. The current level of 316,400 also represents an increase of 5,000 jobs compared to the November 1985 figure of 311,400.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade payrolls reflected increased holiday activity, adding 1,700 more workers in the October-November period. At 97,200, this segment was up 1,800 from the same month a year ago. Employment in Services, at 106,600 and Transportation and Public Utilities, at 14,400, each recorded a monthly gain of 100 workers. Compared to a year ago, the former advanced by 1,300, while the latter added 500 new jobs. Overall Government employment, at 58,000, increased by 100 on both a monthly and an annual basis. Seasonal declines reduced Contract Construction payrolls by 200 from last month, but the current level of 16,400 is 900 jobs more than the figure recorded a year ago. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment, at 23,800, showed no change during the month, but was up 400 from its year ago total.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers rose by 2 cents to $8.01 in mid-November; this represents a gain of 32 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.1 of an hour in November to 40.6 hours, which was also 0.3 of an hour more than the November 1985 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in November amounted to $325.21, representing a gain of $1.61 from last month and $15.30 from the same month a year ago.

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